

Youngwood Volunteer Hose Company No. 1

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Dear Neighbor,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your families have been healthy and safe through this trying year. 2020 has been a difficult and challenging year for all of us. We are enduring a health crisis in a pandemic. We are experiencing social unrest. And our town is being torn up by construction equipment. During all of this, we have not wavered as a Fire Department. We have adapted to overcome these obstacles to continue to provide the residents of Youngwood with the highest standard of Fire and Rescue services. Our members continue to train and learn the latest firefighting and rescue techniques using the most modern equipment. For the last decade, we have been answering over 500 alarms a year.

For obvious reasons, this past year has been very difficult on the Department financially. All of our fund-raising events were either canceled or cut way back. Our carnival was limited to 3 days with no carnival attractions. Rentals of the social hall have been limited significantly. We had to cancel all of our Bashes which represent our top fund raisers. Our ticket sales on the corner are drastically down due to the lower volume of traffic and construction. We are trying to be innovative with new fund-raising techniques, but we are falling way short.

So far this year, our income is down 75 percent. We have reduced our spending and limited our purchases to just essential equipment such as PPE equipment to protect us against Covid. We have applied for several available state and federal grants, but to date none have been awarded. This loss of income has put a tremendous strain on our operations. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Your donation of **\$50.00 or more to the 2020 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE** is vital to continued, round-the-clock **100% VOLUNTEER** fire protection. We understand that you may have faced the same economic difficulties in your business or household. If the \$50.00 suggestion is impossible, any amount will help. Payments can be made via check in the enclosed return envelope or via <https://www.paypal.me/youngwoodvfd> or **Venmo @bcoletta26**.

Please be there for us, so that in your time of need, we can be there for you. Help us to continue the tradition of proudly serving and protecting the Youngwood community.



In your service since 1903,

The members and officers of
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